HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.7910 of 2002

Dated:18.07.2007

Between:

T.Ramulu.

…Petitioner.

and

The General Manager and others.

…Respondents.

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ORDER:

The petitioner applied for telephone connection, to establish a STD booth at leeja. The sanction was accorded. Thereafter, he changed the location and made a representation to the respondents to extend two telephone connections, to enable him to arrange for tele-conference. This Writ Petition is filed complaining that the respondents are not taking action, on the request made by the petitioner.

On behalf of respondents, a counter affidavit is filed. It is stated that the petitioner changed the location to another place, where the previous subscriber had committed default to a tune of Rs.13,118/-. Reference is made to the letter, of the Department of Telephones, dated 09.07.1999, which mandates that a new telephone connection cannot be provided to the premises, unless the arrears, in respect of any telephone, in the same premises, are cleared.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents.

The respondents do not dispute that the petitioner was

sanctioned the telephone booth. However, after the sanction, the petitioner changed the location. It emerged that in respect of changed location, there are arrears of telephone charges. As per the policy adopted by the respondents, a new telephone connection cannot be extended, in respect of premises, if there existed any arrears for any telephone, in those premises. In that view of the matter, the petitioner has, either to change the location, or to clear the arrears, in respect of the said premises.

The Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of, directing that in case the petitioner clears the arrears of Rs.13,118/- (Rupees thirteen thousand one hundred and eighteen only), the respondents shall be extended the telephone connection for the premises chosen by him, and in case, the petitioner changes the booth to a different location, the respondents shall release the connections, after due verification, forthwith. There shall be no order as to costs.

Dt.18.07.2007 **L.NARASIMHA REDDY, J**

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